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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: COMMISSIONER-GENERAL DE WET ANNOUNCES
PLANS TO RETIRE

REF: A) CAPE TOWN 631; B) CAPE TOWN 575

1. JANNIE DE WET, COMMISSIONER-GENERAL FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA, PUBLICLY STATED OCTOBER 21 HIS DECISION TO RETIRE WHEN HIS CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN MARCH 1975. DE WET SAID DECISION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CONTROVERSY OVER HIS RECENT STATEMENT PROMOTING PARTITION AND CONFEDERATION FOR NAMIBIA (REF A). HOWEVER, PROMINENT NATIONALIST OFFICIALS (PROBABLY INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER) WERE DECIDEDLY UNHAPPY WITH THAT STATEMENT.

2. DE WET ALSO DENIED PRESS SPECULATION THAT HIS PARTITION
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PLAN HAD HURT CHANCES FOR PROPOSED MULTIRACIAL TALKS (REF B).

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HE SAID HE WAS CURRENTLY "BUSY ARRANGING TALKS WITH NON-WHITE LEADERS," AND MEETING HAD ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED FOR OCT 28, WHEN DIRK MUDGE, SENIOR MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY "WILL PUT FORTH THE WHITE CASE."

3. COMMENT: FACT THAT DE WET WOULD PROBABLY NOT STAND FOR SECOND TERM WAS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. HOWEVER, TIMING OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT, FOLLOWING DISAVOWAL OF HIS PARTITION PLAN BY SOME SWA NATIONALIST LEADERS, INDICATES IT IS INTENDED TO TRY TO REPAIR DAMAGE DONE BY DE WET'S PUBLIC ESPOUSAL OF PARTITION AND CONFEDERATION.
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